Introduced by Committee on Judiciary (Senators Escutia (Chair), Cedillo, Ducheny, Kuehl, and Sher)

February 19, 2004

An act to amend Section 6140 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to attorneys.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1490, as introduced, Committee on Judiciary. State Bar of California: annual membership fee.

Existing law authorizes the State Bar of California, until January 1, 2005, to charge an annual membership fee of up to \$310 for active members of the State Bar.

This bill would extend the State Bar's authority to charge this membership fee to January 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6140 of the Business and Professions 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 6140. (a) The board shall fix the annual membership fee for active members at a sum not exceeding three hundred ten dollars 5 (\$310).
- (b) The annual membership fee for active members is payable on or before the first day of February of each year. If the board
- 8 finds it appropriate and feasible, it may provide by rule for
- 9 payment of fees on an installment basis with interest, by credit
- 10 card, or other means, and may charge members choosing any

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- alternative method of payment an additional fee to defray costs incurred by that election.

 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2005

 4 2006, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2005 2006, deletes or extends that

- date.